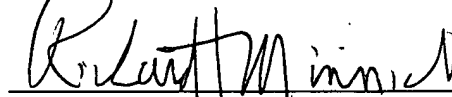


REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is now in better condition for examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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3. (Amended) The stencil sheet according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein the area fraction of the opening portions of said minute perforations is in the range of 20 to 70 % and the diameters of equivalent circles are in the range of 5 to 200  $\mu\text{m}$  when the opening portions are assumed to be circular in shape.

4. (Amended) The stencil sheet according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein said minute perforations in said sheet are trapezoidal in vertical cross section.

5. (Amended) The stencil sheet according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein the thickness of said sheet is in the range of 1.5 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .

6. (Amended) The stencil sheet according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein said stencil sheet further comprises a porous support laminated on one side of said sheet.

9. (Amended) The process for producing a stencil sheet according to claim 7 [or 8] wherein the process further comprises laminating a porous support on one side of said film after a roller having drill-like projections formed on its surface was pressed against said film of a synthetic resin to form minute perforations and said minute perforations were filled with said filler or resin.

10. (Amended) The process for producing a stencil sheet according to claim 7 [or 8] wherein said filler or resin is selected from the group consisting of the following resins (A), (B), and (C).

- (A) a resin having a melting point lower than that of said film

- (B) a resin which is soluble in a solvent
- (C) a heat adhesive resin

11. (Amended) The process for producing a stencil sheet according to claim 7 [or 8] wherein said film has an area fraction of the opening portions of said minute perforations in the range of 20 to 70 % and diameters of equivalent circles in the range of 5 to 200  $\mu\text{m}$  when the opening portions are assumed to be circular in shape.

12. (Amended) The process for producing a stencil sheet according to claim 7 [or 8] wherein the minute perforations in said film are trapezoidal in vertical cross section.

13. (Amended) The process for producing a stencil sheet according to claim 7 or 8 wherein said film has a thickness in the range of 1.5 to 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .